ROBERT A. LEONARD JR.
CHARITABLE TRUST

2027 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

APPLICATION PROGRAM

The Robert A. Leonard Jr. Charitable Trust has established a program to assist students who plan to continue their education in college or vocational school programs. Scholarships are offered each year for full-time study at an accredited institution of the student's choice. This scholarship program is administered by the Robert A. Leonard Jr. Charitable Trust. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, or national origin.

APPLICATION ELIGIBILITY

This scholarship program is for **Michigan High School Seniors only**. Interested students must complete the online application attach a current, complete transcript of grades, and required attachments to Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program **postmarked no later than March 1, 2027**. Transcripts must display student name, school name, grade and credit hours earned for each course, and term in which each course was taken. Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If acknowledgement is not received within three weeks, applicants may call the Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program to verify that the application has been received.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions completely. Incomplete applications will not be considered. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program Trustees. Eligible applications for the Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship program must be:

- **Michigan high school seniors who plan to enroll in undergraduate study at an accredited two-year or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school, with a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for the entire upcoming academic year.**

APPLICATION CRITERIA

1. Scholarship application must be completed online. A link to the application is posted on our website. Students unable to complete the application online should contact our office for technical assistance.

2. All questions must be answered, and **all required signatures included** on the application to qualify.

3. Applicants must have completed high school or equivalent, with a minimum 2.8 grade point average.

4. Applicants must attach an official transcript including grades through the last reporting period prior to the application. Transcript should also include applicant's attendance record or separate document of historical attendance record.

5. Applicants must have completed 40 hours of volunteer service. Service may be from more than one location.

6. Applicants must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters may include but are not limited to the following: a) teacher, b) counselor, c) pastor, d) employer, e) coach.

7. Applicant's community service, community service awards, education awards and recognition, educational goals will be considered in the screening and selection process.

8. **Application must be submitted by March 1, 2027. Applications received after March 1, 2027, will not be considered. Applications are submitted online through our website at www.raltrust.org.**

APPLICATION AWARD CATEGORIES

If selected as a recipient, the student will receive an award in one of the following categories, a) Books and Resources, b Tuition, c) Housing Allowance, d) Meals, e) Dorm Essentials. A limited number of awards are granted each year. **Awards are not renewable**. Awards are based on student need and financial aid eligibility. Students receiving financial aid will not be granted a tuition scholarship from the Trust.

APPLICATION SELECTION

Scholarship recipients are selected based on academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, unusual personal or family circumstances, and an outside appraisal.

Selection of recipients is made by Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program Board of Trustees. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final. All applications and attachments become the property of Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship program. Applicants will receive written notification of their application award status in May.

Finalists for scholarships will be required to attend a mandatory in-person interview with the Robert A. Leonard Jr. Charitable Trust Board of Trustees prior to decision. Failure to attend your interview will disqualify you from consideration. If you are chosen for an interview and cannot attend, please notify the Trust within one week. We are willing to reschedule your interview time or consider you for a virtual interview if needed.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert A. Leonard Jr. Charitable Trust process scholarship payments on behalf of Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program. **Payments are made on or before the beginning of the student's fall semester. The award will be sent directly to the accredited college, university, technical or vocational school** where the student will do his or her undergraduate work. The award will be paid for undergraduate courses for students carrying the minimum number of credit hours required by an academic institution to be considered full-time. The Robert A. Leonard Jr. Charitable Trust does not recognize a student's choice to postpone enrollment, or gap year.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipient(s) must use the scholarship award as stated in eligibility guidelines. Recipient(s) are required to notify Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

Award recipient(s) must furnish the following information to Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program by July 30, 2027; exact name and address of the school selected/accepted, completed form from RAL Trust with student financial aid office information and student ID/account number, registration date and an individual photograph (photo release form will be sent with award letter). Failure to furnish this material could result in the delay of the award to the school.

REVISIONS

Robert A. Leonard Jr. Scholarship Program reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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